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September News Letter

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	1958			1957		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
August	25,425	2,562	27,987	30,679	3,773	34,452
January-August	218,698	22,822	241,520	222,141	20,192	242,333

Car Situation

With all foreign reefers removed from PFE service except those developing on line from unloads, car supplies decreased steadily from the first of the month and by September 15th had dwindled to a day to day basis in the California heavy loading areas. The assistance of all on- and off-line General and District Agents as well as car distribution forces in getting PFE cars assembled for expedited return to Western loading districts will be appreciated. The tight situation is expected to continue well into October.

Crop Conditions

Along Union Pacific -

Peak loading period for potatoes and tree fruits in western Idaho has been passed. Onion supplies are plentiful and loadings should continue in steady volume through the month. Eastern Idaho potatoes are underway in fair volume and should increase gradually; however, markets are not too favorable and with heavy supplies available in other producing sections only moderately heavy volume loading from Idaho is indicated next few weeks.

In Northwest District smaller crops of apples and pears, particularly in Hood River Valley, will make for lighter intra-state loading than last year to other Northwestern points for storage in transit. Other shipping consisting of frozen foods, beer, and miscellaneous commodities will move in normal seasonal volume.

In Eastern District vegetables from Colorado are moving slowly and probably will not exceed three or four cars daily during September. Kearney District potato movement which started in August was practically completed after first week in September with shipments much lighter than the 222 car movement of last year. Peach movement from Colorado also carried over into September and was somewhat heavier than that of 1957. Miscellaneous items such as meat, PHP, and cold storage commodities will continue from Missouri River centers in normal volume.

Along Southern Pacific -

Oregon: Pear loading from Rogue River Valley is running in less volume than last year due to lighter movement to storages at Klamath Falls; however, shipping will be steady and should increase gradually as California supplies diminish. Klamath potato crops are reported in good condition with exception of some fields that received excessive water when rain fell during irrigating period. Shipments have started and loadings will increase slowly until digging is general. Frozen food and miscellaneous items from Willamette Valley will continue in normal seasonal volume.

Northern California: Salinas lettuce will continue in moderately heavy volume but less than normally expected due to quality. Celery and other vegetables are moving in normal seasonal volume. Pear harvests in Central District and North Coast areas are about completed and continued shipping from storage will be on decreasing scale. Melon shipping is on down grade but will continue through the month. Lodi grape deal is in full swing and heavy loading will continue into October. Juice grape movement from Fresno area is underway and will increase gradually as later varieties mature. Stockton District tomatoes are increasing and should go well through October or until stopped by frost.

Southwest District: Willcox lettuce deal got underway late in August, reached a daily volume of 25 to 30 cars by September 15th when heavy rain 20th through 22nd stopped loading temporarily. This deal has been plagued by adverse weather throughout the planting and growing season. Guadalupe vegetables and Santa Paula citrus will continue in moderate seasonal volume through the month.

T&NO: Now in off season except for miscellaneous shipments from various points in Texas and Louisiana.

Throughout the summer and up to present time there have been excellent weather conditions in all sections of the East resulting in bountiful crops of vegetables, melons, and tree fruits in areas adjacent to big eastern markets. This has resulted in adverse marketing conditions for Pacific Coast products and has had much to do with the reduced loading of such perishables on our contract lines.

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Incident to the retirement of our former General Agent at Pittsburgh, Mr. J. T. "Joe" Holland, July 31st, a luncheon was given for him by the Trade July 24th at The Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

Among those attending were members of various fruit and vegetable concerns, brokers, railroad men, and PFE personnel.

The luncheon was reported to have been a very enjoyable affair, and the tradesmen, jointly and individually, paid tribute to Joe and the many

fine traits that made him a respected representative of the PFE.

Joe was also feted by his many Chicago office friends at another luncheon on July 28th. This also was a very happy occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Mr. Edwin A. Schottman, Special Accountant, San Francisco, who started with Southern Pacific in May 1909, and transferred to PFE in March 1917, retired August 31st.

A retirement party held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley on August 28th was well attended by his many friends and associates.

Our best wishes go to Ed. for years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Schottman make their home at 260 San Jose Avenue, San Francisco 10.

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Mr. Earl D. MacKenzie, Chief Clerk at Sacramento, was given an honorary award by the Board of Directors of the California State Fair in appreciation of the diligence he has shown over the years in handling refrigerator cars that have been supplied annually to assist the Fair in storing perishable exhibits.

The award consists of a gold plated engraved pass and a gold plated bear on an ivory mounting. This honor is not lightly given; only one other person received it this year.

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Vice President & General Manager